

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States;
and

WHEREAS, 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know and with whom they have had an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women's Domestic Violence Program and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Program have provided services to nearly 500 stalking victims from Fiscal Years 2000 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, stalking victims experience anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, lost work hours, productivity and severe depression at a much higher rate than the general population; and

WHEREAS, stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Women's Domestic Violence Program, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Program and the Alexandria Police Department are joining forces with national organizations, victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Alexandria and America to observe Stalking Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2006, as:

"STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of January 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk